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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on December 24, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the amendments to the specification and to the claims are not in strict compliance with the revised version of 37 CFR 1.121(c) effective July 30, 2003.

First of all, the replacement paragraphs provided in the amendments to the specification are identified by bracketed paragraph numbers which are generally meaningless since the corresponding paragraphs in the originally filed specification are NOT so numbered; thus, it would be nearly impossible to determine with ease and certainty which paragraphs from the originally filed specification are being amended and replaced--the replacement paragraphs should instead be identified by corresponding page and beginning line numbers.

Second of all, only ONE listing of the claims must be provided; the claims listing appearing on page 8 of the instant reply is both incomplete and redundant and should NOT be provided in the replacement reply to the instant Office action.

Last but not least, deletions of five characters or less in the amendments to the claims must be enclosed in DOUBLE (and not single) brackets

A proper reply to the instant Office communication should be a replacement to the reply filed on December 24, 2003, and should include the amendments to the specification and to the claims only. Since the amendments to the abstract and to the drawings as presented in the instant reply ARE in proper form, these should not be resubmitted.

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Please do not hesitate to telephone the examiner if you have any questions or concerns regarding this Office communication.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ljiljana (Lil) V. Ciric, whose telephone number is (703) 308-3925.

While she works a flexible schedule that varies from day to day and from week to week, Examiner Ciric may generally be reached at the Office during the work week between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dave Scherbel, can be reached on (703) 308-1272.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0861.

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